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TRAGEDY VISITS GENERAL'S HOME

Will Require Ten Years to Value Railroad

Mrs. Pershing, Wife of Brigadier General, and 3 Children Perish

OFFICER HIMSELF AT THE FRONT

Episode Caused by Exploding Lamp
—Occurred at Preside in San Francisco

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Samuel R. B. president of the Pennsylvania railroad will head the national railroads committee which will appear before the Interstate commerce commission September 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to present views upon the fundamental principles of physical valuations of railroads.

The work of valuing the property of railroads now in progress, as far as involved, requires about 100,000 man-hours of labor to complete.

POLK TO STATE DEPARTMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Mrs. Frances Warren Pershing, wife of Brigadier General John J. Pershing, U. S. A., and three of her four children were suffocated today in a fire in their quarters at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Chef butlers were quickly informed. Mrs. Roosevelt, in residence another two officers' houses, less than Warfield's, also awoke this morning and called those who sleep. The dead children are Helen Anne and Margaret, all under 8 years old. Mrs. Pershing was a daughter of Senator Warren of Wyoming. Her husband commanding the Eighth corps United States infantry, is at El Paso, Texas, in charge of troops on the border.

The fire was believed to have been caused by a light lamp. A burst of flames from the roof of the general's building, a two-story, 3000-foot house, which stands on Parade ground, directly in front of the headquarters, flag pole, was the first intimation of trouble. The possible army fire department rushed to the house and, before all the occupants had escaped, centered their energies on the flames. Only the roof of the house was burned.

News of the death of Mrs. Pershing and three of her children reached General John P. Pershing, commander of the Pacific infantry brigade here today through Associated Press dispatches. General Pershing had been preparing a home here for his family.

IS REVENUE RECORD

Aggregate Receipts of Fiscal Year From Internal Tax \$115,000,000—Exceeds Previous Year

PEST IN HOLY LAND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The greatest total of internal revenue receipts in the history of the government was recorded in the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue today.

The aggregate receipts during the fiscal year ended June 30, reached \$115,000,000, against \$100,000,000 for the previous year. Corporations paid in \$39,144,529 and individuals \$71,040,195, a total of \$80,180,695.

M'BRIE LETTER CLEAR MEYER

Former Secretary of State Says, However, Is Ready to Prosecute Prisoner When Released

Mr. friends at the state house Leo Meyer, formerly secretary of state of Oklahoma, is today exhibiting a photographic reproduction of the M'Brie letter, written from the state penitentiary, July 6, 1915, that exonerates Meyer of charges that caused the former state secretary's retirement from office.

It is said that after his conviction, W. R. McBrine remarked to Judge A. H. Houston of Guthrie, his only regret was that he had not killed Attorney-General Charles West and that he had done anything to injure Leo Meyer.

The letter, which was written inside the penitentiary at McAlester, dated July 6, 1915, and is attested by W. C. Kendall, notary public, reads:

"Shortly after my release to Oklahoma in November 1912, on account of promises of Attorney-General Charles West and influenced by him, I made a statement impugning you in the papers of certain

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AVON GETTING NOISY

Men Said They Were Being Fleeced So Everybody Was Arrested—Land-lady Also Taken Down

When officers Knox, Nelson and Wilkie answered a call to quiet a disturbance at the Avon hotel Thursday night they had difficulty in finding their way on the third floor so numerous were the piles of whisky bottles. Four men, W. R. Seeler, J. Bestell, Claud Wills and A. J. Anderson were arrested for being drunk and fighting. The trouble, according to the police, started when they sent out money by the porter to buy booze and the porter forgot to return with the change.

A woman named Cook, who runs the place, was also arrested for maintaining a disorderly house.

SELLING JARS

ENID, Aug. 27.—A local wholesale concern estimates that more than fifteen carloads of fruit jars, or about 275,000 jars, have been sold in this city during the canning season to date.

BISHOP SHOT BY LATIN EX-PRIEST

Heffron of Winona Diocese Believed to Be in Serious Condition From Wounds

WICHITA MIKE

Aug. 27.—The Rev. Patrick R. Heffron, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Winona, was shot and seriously wounded today by the Rev. Al Leesher, a priest for whom the bishop had recently given his dispensation to marry.

The bishop was shot once in the chest and once in the hip. Leesher said he would recover unless complications set in. Father Leesher was arrested.

Blatoni Heffron was visiting to his attorney at Wichita Heights when Father Leesher entered and fired three shots at him with a revolver. The priest then returned to his room at St. Mary's college where he was unconscious.

SPAN COLLAPSED

Four Killed and 12 Injured When Santa Fe Passenger Goes Through Flood-Wedged Bridge

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 27.—Four persons were killed and 12 injured when a railroad bridge across the Colorado River at Glendale collapsed. The bridge was shot down by a cloud burst at Glendale creek, 10 miles north of here. The engine passed over the bridge safely. Then the span collapsed plunging the smoker into the turbulent stream. The sleeping cars remained on the track.

DRAINE'S BOND FIXED

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Tom Drane, the Bradley farmer who is alleged to have shot Bert Gillis, a night club owner, twice when the two met in the section line near Bradley two weeks ago, was bound over to the action of the district court yesterday afternoon after a preliminary hearing before Justice A. C. Fuller. He made bond in the sum of \$1,000.

Henry Morgenthau, the American ambassador at Constantinople has reported that men, women and children are starving. In addition to the devastation wrought by war it is reported that a pest of locusts has infested the land, destroying vineyards and crops.

TELEGRAPHERS TO COMPETE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Eleven telegraphers from all parts of the United States were here today ready to compete in the championship tournament under the auspices of the Pan-Pacific exposition.

The championship prize carries with it the Carnegie diamond medal and a cash prize of \$300. The contests scheduled for today were the railroad men's contest, wireless, press and commercial.

BRIDGE SITE IS SPLENDID-NOBLE

If Possible State Will Aid in Work of Spanning South Canadian River

THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WILL GIVE ITS HEARTY COOPERATION TO THE PROMOTION OF THE PROPOSED BRIDGE ACROSS THE CANADIAN RIVER AND IN THE EVENT OF ITS CONSTRUCTION COMING WITHIN APPROPRIACY POWERS OF COMMISSIONER GEORGE NOLIE, HE WILL PURSUE A LIBERAL POLICY CONSISTENT WITH THE NEEDS OF THE STRUCTURE.

The department of highways appears not only the need of the bridge but the splendid location of it," said George Nolie. "The location in question assures meadows on both sides of the river, something not available in hardly any other desirable location along the entire banks of the stream."

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